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Human rights questions

Report of the Third Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled:

"Human rights questions:

"(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

"(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

"(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

"(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in six parts, under the symbol A/55/602 and Add.1-5.

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Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000[1]

Letter dated 11 July 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting, inter alia, the text of the Dushanbe Declaration, signed on 5 July 2000 by the heads of State of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan (A/55/133-S/2000/682)

Letter dated 18 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/309)

Letter dated 17 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/310)

Letter dated 8 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting, inter alia, the Brasilia communiqué adopted on 1 September 2000 by the Presidents of the South American countries (A/55/375)

Letter dated 10 October 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of India and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/473)

Letter dated 3 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement adopted by the Islamic Group at United Nations Headquarters on 2 October 2000 (A/C.3/55/4)

Item 114 (a). Implementation of human rights instruments

Report of the Human Rights Committee[2]

Report of the Committee against Torture[3]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/55/178)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/55/204)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/55/205)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (A/55/207)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/55/208)

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/55/3).

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 40* (A/55/40), vols. I and II.

[3] Ibid., *Supplement No. 44* (A/55/44).

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/55/278)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the persons chairing human rights treaty bodies on their twelfth meeting, held at Geneva from 5 to 8 June 2000 (A/55/206)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/55/290)

Note by the Secretary-General on enhancing the long-term effectiveness of the United Nations human rights treaty monitoring system (A/55/313)

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/438-S/2000/931)

Item 114 (b). Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the rule of law (A/55/177)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation based on the principles of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/55/213 and Add.1 and 2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/55/275 and Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/55/279)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/55/283)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (A/55/289)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (A/55/291)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders (A/55/292)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/55/296 and Add.1)

Preliminary report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/55/342)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (A/55/280 and Add.1 and Add.2)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (A/55/288)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to development (A/55/302)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the right to development (A/55/306)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the mid-term global evaluation of the progress made towards achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004) (A/55/360)

Note by the Secretariat on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/55/214 and Add.1)

Letter dated 24 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents adopted at the ministerial conference entitled "Towards a Community of Democracies", held at Warsaw on 26 and 27 June 2000 (A/55/328)

Letter dated 18 September 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/395-S/2000/880)

Letter dated 18 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on West Timor issued on 7 September 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the Union (A/55/404-S/2000/889)

Letter dated 20 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint statement of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Convening Group of the Community of Democracies, issued in New York on 12 September 2000 (A/55/408)

Letter dated 18 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement issued on 8 September 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the Union (A/C.3/55/2)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/55/509)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Rwanda (A/55/269)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the periodic report by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (A/55/282)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Iraq (A/55/294)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report by the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti (A/55/335)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a brief interim report by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/55/346)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi (A/55/358)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/55/359)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/55/363)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/55/374)

Note by the Secretary-General on the human rights situation in southern Lebanon and western Bekaa (A/55/400)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/55/403)

Note by the Secretariat on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/55/318)

Letter dated 27 September 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/426-S/2000/913)

Letter dated 2 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/55/5)

Item 114 (d). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights[4]

Letter dated 2 October 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/438-S/2000/931)

Item 114 (e). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights[4]

[4] Ibid., *Supplement No. 36* (A/55/36)

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

3. At its 55th and 56th meetings, on 10 November, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights (see para. 4).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

4. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

Under sub-item 114 (a):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/55/178);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/55/204);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (A/55/207);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/55/208);

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(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to development (A/55/302);

(d) Note by the Secretariat on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/55/214 and Add.1);

Under sub-item 114 (c):

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Rwanda (A/55/269);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the periodic report by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (A/55/282);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi (A/55/358);

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